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DE 101 21 046 A1. This document corresponds to U.S. Application Publication No. US 2002/0157436 and U.S. Patent No. 6,648,493.

U.S. Patent No. 6,360,572

The third document cited in the German Official Action, EP 1 006 028, was previously cited in the First Information Disclosure Statement and is thus not cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

The fourth document cited in the German Official Action, DE 196 17 038 corresponds to International Application Publication No. WO 97/41322 cited on form PTO-892 accompanying the first Official Action. Thus, this German document is also not cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

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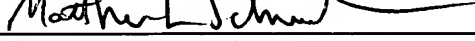
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